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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

STEVEN R. BINDER et al.

Application No.: 09/691,405

Filed: October 17, 2000

For: PATTERN RECOGNITION
METHOD FOR DIAGNOSIS OF
SYSTEMIC AUTOIMMUNE
DISEASES

Examiner: Allen, Marianne P.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Substitute the following for the paragraph at page 6, lines 23-28. This paragraph is also shown in Appendix A hereto with markings showing the change made by this amendment.

Principal component analysis is a multivariate technique for reducing matrices of data to their lowest dimensionality by use of orthogonal factor space. According to this technique, the training set is processed to identify the number of principal components. This information is then used to model the patient test data